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Reply to Attn of: **General Law Practice Group**

TO: Distribution

FROM: Alternate Designated Ethics Official

SUBJECT: Intel Science Talent Search Awards Gala, March 14, 2006

Intel Corporation and Science Service will hold an Awards Gala on Tuesday, March 14, 2006, at the Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center in Washington, D.C. I have determined it to be in the best interests of the Government for those NASA employees who are invited to this event to attend in their official capacities and as representatives of NASA.

This event will be a widely attended gathering of 600 to 700 people from various sectors, including corporations which support educational programs, congressional leadership, officials from other government agencies, and representatives from the local and national scientific community. The value of attending the event is approximately \$150 per person. The Gala will recognize the 40 student finalists in the Intel Science Talent Search, as part of which high school seniors compete for college scholarships to study science and engineering. Attendance at the Gala will allow NASA representatives to establish an agency presence at an event celebrating some of the top science and engineering prospects in the country. In light of the importance of scientific and engineering education to NASA, I conclude that the Agency's interest in its employees attending this event outweighs any concern that free attendance may, or may appear to, improperly influence any NASA personnel in the performance of their official duties.

Accordingly, NASA invitees and their invited spouses or guests may participate in the Gala without charge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. Andrew Falcon". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, sweeping loop at the end.

R. Andrew Falcon